

rollcall No. 461, the continuing resolution, I was unable to be present because of the birth, and I am very happy, the birth of my daughter, Celeste Teresa. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both of these rollcall votes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Congratulations to our new father.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN D. DINGELL, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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Washington, DC, September 26, 1997.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. JONES] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOUSTON ASTROS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GREEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, normally we stand up here and talk about a lot of the great issues we debate, and every once in a while we get to talk about something in our hometown. This evening I would like to talk about my own district of Houston, Texas, where we are celebrating tonight and hopefully celebrating the rest of the week. I see my colleague from Georgia over there. I would like to congratulate the Houston Astros on their division title, and more than that, wish them luck in their game tomorrow against the Atlanta Braves.

The Houston Astros captured their first ever National League Central title last Thursday, thanks to a 9-to-1 win over the Chicago Cubs, and it was their first division title since 1986.

Since their All Star break, the Astros were 39-32 and 42-35 over the last 77 games. The Astros have been in first place in their division since July 18 of this year.

Attendance at these games this year topped the 2 million mark for only the fourth time in our club history.

Congratulations to both the owner, Drayton McLane, and our manager, Larry Dierker, Tal Smith, and all of the players and staff of the Houston Astros administration.

Astros manager Larry Dierker joins a short list of rookie skippers this year who have won a division title in their first year. In fact, the last time a first-year manager was to achieve this feat was Hal Lanier, who led the Houston Astros to the 1986 division championship.

No stranger to major league baseball, Larry Dierker's name has been associated with baseball in Houston almost since the inception of the club in the early 1960s. He made his baseball major league debut in Colt Stadium on his 18th birthday and on that day he struck out both Willie Mays and Jim Hart in the first inning.

His 14-year pitching career saw him become Houston's first 20-game

winner in 1969, the same year he pitched a club record of 20 complete games. Larry Dierker was named to the National League All-Star team for the 1969 game that was played here at RFK Stadium in Washington, and also the 1971 contest in Tiger Stadium in Detroit. He still ranks among the club's all-time leaders in virtually every pitching category.

With a manager like Larry Dierker, the Astros truly have a leader who not only knows Houston, but also knows the ins and outs of baseball.

Mr. Speaker, we also have two major stars on our team also affectionately called the Killer Bs. Jeff Bagwell, the home run king for the Astros, hit a total of 43 home runs this season. Not only did he set a new club record, he finished second in homers in the National League. Bagwell also established club records this year with 135 RBIs, 335 total bases, and 84 extra base hits. Setting a new Astros single season club record for homers, Bagwell ranked second in the National League for the number of RBIs.

Then there is the other Killer B, Craig Biggio. He is the first player in the history of major league baseball to play in 162 games without grounding into a double play for the season. Biggio broke a 1935 record held by Augie Galan from the Chicago Cubs who went 154 games without grounding into a double play.

Currently, Biggio crossed the plate 146 times this season, the most runs by a national leaguer since Chuck Klein stored 152 runs in 1932. Not only that, he has been hit by a pitch 34 times this season, establishing a new Astros record, which is not a record, I have to say, we are proud of, to have one of our players hit 34 times. Overall, 100 Astros were hit by pitches this year, the highest total by a team this century. The rest of the team will not back down from any of the pitchers either.

In fact, the great pitching staff we have is congratulations to Darryl Kile and other outstanding pitchers. Kile is currently up for the top pitching award, the Cy Young Award. He has pitched 255-2/3 innings this season with a ranking of second in the National League. In addition, he has thrown 4 shutouts, tying for second in the National League.

These key players, as well as the team, all contributed to their National League Central division title last Thursday, and being a Houston Astros fan, along with thousands and thousands of people in Houston, I want to congratulate the Astros and wish them the best of luck in their playoff game versus the Atlanta Braves tomorrow and also the series over the next few days.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GREEN. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia, who is also a pretty good basketball player in his own right.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas [Mr.